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Maryland Department of Planning launches new blog: "The Data Mine" *News and analysis from the State Data Center on Census, demographic trends*

BALTIMORE – The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) today launched a new blog called "[The Data Mine](#)." The blog will help communicate data and analysis about trends in population, housing, employment and other topics related to Maryland. It will highlight the work of the Maryland State Data Center (MSDC), a division of MDP. The Data Center monitors development trends, analyzes social, economic and other characteristics and prepares projections about population, housing, employment, labor and income. The center's work is the baseline for planning in Maryland and is relied on by state and local governments, the private sector and non-profit institutions. The MSDC also serves as Maryland's official partner with the U.S. Census Bureau.

"The Data Mine" will include articles and commentary about U.S. Census data, socio-economic trends, population and household projections and all things demographic. Its principal contributors are Mark Goldstein, who manages MDP's Demographic and Socioeconomic Projections Unit, and Jane Traynham, manager of the Maryland State Data Center.

A link to the blog can be found on the MDP website at planning.maryland.gov under Social Media or linked directly at mddatamine.wordpress.com. It joins the department's existing news and commentary blog, "[Smart Growth Maryland](#)."

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